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SUBJ: SENATOR GOLDWATER'S AUDIENCE WITH SHAH

REF: TEHRAN 8237

1. SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER AND GENERAL WILLIAM W QUINN, WHO ARE GUESTS OF THE COURT, WERE RECEIVED BY THE SHAH AT NOON ON DECEMBER 2. THE HOUR-LONG AUDIENCE WENT SMOOTHLY SINCE THERE WAS CLEAR IDENTITY OF VIEWS AMONG PARTICIPANTS.

2. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM AND THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT THE UNITED STATES OF ALTERNATIVES TO OIL, THE CONVERSATION TURNED TO CURRENT PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SHAH EXPRESSED HIS WELL-KNOWN VIEWS ON HOW A SETTLEMENT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. SENATOR GOLDWATER SET FORTH WITH CONSIDERABLE

FRANKNESS THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PURSUE THE "EVEN-HANDED" POLICY WHICH THE SHAH ADVOCATES. AS FOR THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, THE SHAH EXPLAINED KING HUSSEIN'S WILLINGNESS TO HOLD A WEST BANK REFERENDUM (REFTEL).

3. IN THE COURSE OF THE AUDIENCE THE SHAH DISCUSSED THE SOVIET UNION, PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ AND INDIA. HE VOICED NO NEW VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS. IN DISCUSSING OMAN AND THE DHOFAR PROBLEM, HE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS SENDING A REINFORCED BATTALION TO HELP THE SULTAN CLEAR OUT THE REBELS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE BULGARIAN

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CHIEF OF STAFF HAD VISITED THE PDRY RECENTLY. AFTER MENTIONING

THIS ITEM, HE DID NOT PURSUE IT EXCEPT TO RAISE HIS EYEBROWS.

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